



## Fast Facts about Barrow Performance Learning Center

- **Non-traditional school – NOT disciplinary alternative school**
  - Flexible, Professional, Goal-Oriented
  - Small (50-75 students)
- **Responsible, professional behavior is a MUST**
  - Dress code is same as home high schools
  - You MUST be self motivated and organized to succeed! We cannot hold your hand.
  - A good work ethic is key
- **NovaNET is the primary curriculum**
  - Taught on the computer in ‘modules’ – like units with several lessons
  - Can be boring & sometimes frustrating
  - If you’ve failed a class and are retaking it – Prescriptive (given a pretest – may be able to skip some lessons)
  - If you’re taking a class for the first time – Aligned (lessons then mastery assessment)
  - Must achieve 80% to move on – *not* 70! Guarantees mastery and increases your GPA!
- **Projects, notebooks, & offline assignments are all part of your course credit**
  - Courses include MORE than NovaNET – NO homework (with the exception of projects)!
  - The amount varies from teacher to teacher and course to course
  - ALL courses require projects
- **Work at your OWN PACE – but NOT snail pace!!!**
  - Time in school is YOURS – you have to use it wisely!
  - Some students have finished several courses already and are moving on before the end of the semester!
- **Classes are NOT teacher-taught**
  - Teachers help when you need it
  - You are responsible for your OWN learning and progress
  - If you need LOTS of direction, the PLC is probably not for you
- **Hours are 8:45 - 2:45**
  - Classes last 75 minutes
  - A warm school lunch is offered daily or you may bring your own
- **Advisement happens weekly**
  - Lasts 75 minutes
  - Seniors take a “College/Career Transitions” course for credit
  - We do goal-setting and planning activities
  - It’s also a time to get further ahead or catch up!
- **Periodic Morning Motivation**
  - Students lead these sessions
  - 15 minutes between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods
  - They include inspiring stories, guest speakers, games, etc. A great, positive way to start your day!
  - It’s a time to focus and get motivated – also a bit of a break!
- **Service Learning is encouraged**
  - We have 3 big projects going on at the PLC (outdoor beautification, indoor beautification, and an information liaison project)
  - We can earn credit if you fulfill the hour requirements (90 total)
  - We also have opportunities to do community service to earn hours. Great opportunity to network and get a leg up on the business world upon graduation.
- **Must have own transportation – no buses**

**:) Job opportunities, mentors, YMCA membership, Perfectly Polished etiquette course, Lanier Tech partnership, guest speakers**